

UP-TO-DATE FABLES.

Tom McNeil in his Topeka Mail and Breeze.

At a certain "coursing meet" a number of jackrabbits had been gathered for the purpose of being turned loose on the course. It was agreed by their captors that the jackrabbits should have a start on the dogs of sixty yards on a course that was eight hundred yards long. Two "jacks" that had been companions on the plains before their capture were turned loose together. One of them was old and experienced, the other young and flip. When they were turned out of the boxes both bounded away, but at the end of 30 or forty yards the young rabbit looked back and seeing no hounds in pursuit, said to his companion, "Let us rest a spell, those dogs are not coming this way anyhow." But without a pause the old rabbit laid his ears close to his back and scattered space behind him in a way that was a caution.

"See that old fool wearing himself out," said the alecky young rabbit as he rested himself on his honkers and hopped slowly over the course. Just then the keepers of the hounds turned two of them loose and they made such a swift run for that jackrabbit that their own shadows could not keep up with them. Before he knew what was up the hounds were almost on the young rabbit. He then tried to make a swift getaway, but within 200 yards one of the hounds picked him up and with a quick motion of the jaws crushed the life out of him. In the meantime the old rabbit had passed out of the limits of the course and was safe. When he was sure that the pursuit had been called off he turned, saw the body of his companion tossed into a cart and said, "I have frequently noticed that the person who gets a rattling good start and improves each shining minute is the person who gets there Eli."

A school boy who had a shock of thick hair commenced playing with some alley boys and as a result soon had a crop of lice. His father, who only had a thin fringe of hair around his cranium, took the boy severely to task, saying, "My son, this is a disgrace to the family as well as to yourself. There is no excuse for it. I never had any lice on my head."

"Of course not," said the boy sulkily, "an' there ain't no lice on a hairless Mexican dog, neither, but the dog ain't entitled to any credit. Lice hez some sense themselves."

A Kansas man was the owner of a yoke of oxen in the early days of the state and while breaking prairie land both of the oxen were bitten by rattlesnakes. The man managed to save their lives, but from that time on the hiss of a rattlesnake set both those oxen wild. On one occasion it was necessary to move a large rock. A great team of horses, the strongest in the country, were hitched to the stone but were not able to budge it from its place. Bets were freely made that there was not a team in the country that could drag that stone. Finally the man who owned the oxen stepped up and said that he wasn't a betting man, but he would just call that \$10 bet that his oxen couldn't move that rock. The crowd laughed at him for there was an impression that the big team that had failed could drag the biggest load the oxen could haul and the oxen along with it. The man who made the wager said that the owner of the oxen was getting off in the upper story and winning the bet would be just like picking the money up in the road. Still the owner of the oxen insisted and as he pulled out his wallet indicated that the other man should either put up or close his jaw. The money was put up, the oxen hitched to the rock, and then the owner slipping up behind them shook the rattles of a rattlesnake and hissed like a serpent. In an instant those oxen gave a wild plunge, yanked the rock from its bed and started on a run down the road.

"Oxen are like people," said the man as he shoved the ten into his vest pocket, "they never know what they can do till they get badly scared."

A boy once applied to a merchant for a job, but the merchant turned him down with the remark, "If it was not for that crust of dirt I see in your ears and that fringe of black under your finger nails, your talk would go a heap further with me."

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Grand Duke Boris drank wine from a Chicago girl's slipper, but as he did not get beastly drunk, he did not swallow all the slipper would hold, of course.

Chicago children now carry bottles of boiled water to school. The school authorities undertake to satisfy whatever thirst for knowledge they may happen to have with them.

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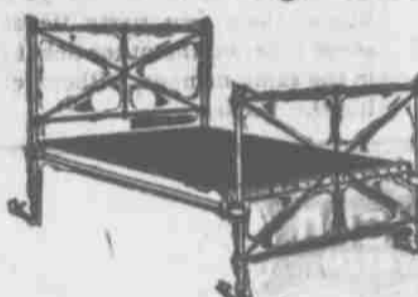
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